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new roads, when in their judgment the same will be advantageous to public travel, and for such purposes are authorized, through their agents, to enter upon lands to make the necessary surveys. Before doing any work of construction, apart from the surveys, the board shall give to the owner of land over which the proposed new road or change of road may run, at least five days notice in writing of a time and place when and where the board will consider the question of condemning the necessary land. If the landowner be a minor or insane, such notice shall be given to him and his guardians, or if there be no guardian, to the person with whom he is living. If the landowner be a nonresident or can not be found within the county, such notice shall be mailed to his last known address and published in a newspaper of Forsyth County at least seven days before the hearing. If the board shall find the proposed improvement advantageous to public travel and shall decide to condemn the land necessary for the road, they shall so declare and enter the order of condemnation in their minutes. Upon the question of condemnation, the findings and order of the board shall not be subject to review. No strip of land wider than forty feet, with such additional width as may be necessary for cuts and fills, shall be acquired by condemnation. Upon making the order of condemnation, the board shall have authority, through their agents, to immediately take possession of the land described in the order and construct the road. If the landowner, after the road has been relocated or otherwise changed, or after the new road has been opened, shall consider himself damaged, and shall be unable to agree with the board as to the amount of damages, he shall within ninety days after opening, relocating or otherwise changing the road, apply to the clerk of the superior court for an assessment of damages. Five days notice of such application shall be given to the board of commissioners. The clerk shall appoint and cause to be summoned a jury of three disinterested freeholders to assess the damages, and shall, at the time of appointing the jury, fix the time and place of their meeting. If for any cause the jurors shall fail to so meet, they shall meet at such other time and place as may be fixed by them, after giving forty-eight hours notice thereof to the board and to the landowner or his attorney. being duly sworn shall, in considering the question of damages, take into consideration the benefits to the landowner and shall render a verdict for such amount, if any, as the damages may exceed the benefits, and shall report their findings and verdict to the clerk, and the clerk shall render judgment accordingly and shall tax the landowner with the costs of the assessment, if the damages assessed shall not exceed the amount offered by the board. Either the board or the landowner may appeal to the superior court within ten days from the filing of the report. If the landowner appeals, the clerk shall require him to give bond or make a de-